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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

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1 MR. MEADOWS: This is for Community
2 Development Block Grants. And let me go ahead and
3 first talk about capital projects. And so the kinds
4 of projects that we're applying for are things like
5 parks, community centers, drainage, roads, vehicles.
6 It could even be housing projects in the County.

7 We have a number of different ways that we
8 apply for funding, either through our general
9 obligation bond process, which we do every two
10 years. We have a capital improvement plan that we
11 adopt, and it's about a \$30 million program for two
12 years.

13 We also go after legislative capital
14 outlay funds from the state legislature. That
15 varies, in terms of how much the County receives on
16 an annual basis. I don't think it's been very much
17 the last few years.

18 And then there's different federal
19 programs that we apply for here at Public Works. We
20 deal with more infrastructure kinds of things,
21 transportation, water/sewer projects.

22 On the transportation side, we're a member
23 of the Mid-Region Council of Governments. And every
24 two years, we apply for transportation funds through
25 their Transportation Improvement Program, and we

1 usually receive several million dollars through that
2 process.

3 And then there's the one we're talking
4 about tonight, the Community Development Block
5 Grants. And that's federal funding through the
6 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7 So all counties and incorporated
8 municipalities can receive HUD funding through the
9 State of New Mexico, except what they call
10 entitlement cities. And those include -- those are
11 the big cities. Those are the metropolitan
12 statistical areas, like Albuquerque, Las Cruces,
13 Santa Fe, Farmington, and Rio Rancho. And they get
14 money directly -- CDBG funding directly from HUD.

15 Everybody else, we have to go through this
16 confirmative process at the State. So we're
17 actually applying to the State. The Department of
18 Finance Administration is who administers these
19 grants. And then pueblos and tribes also receive
20 their funding directly from HUD.

21 And I believe it's been about ten years
22 since Bernalillo County has actually applied for one
23 of these grants. But I have a list from last year
24 that I'll pass around for you to look at. And it
25 shows you who got funding last year and what kinds

1 of projects they got, and it really varies.

2 So again, these are the kinds of projects
3 you can go after: Infrastructure projects, water
4 and sewer, roadway improvements. We can do housing
5 projects, so we can acquire property to develop
6 housing. We can do rehab and repair of homes up to
7 \$65,000 per home. We can do code enforcement,
8 historic preservation.

9 And then we can do community facilities,
10 like community centers, senior centers, recreation
11 facilities, health centers, and projects for
12 economic development. And I couldn't think of a
13 really good example of this, but it would be
14 something that would help attract jobs or retain
15 jobs in the region.

16 It might be something like in the South
17 Valley there's an incubator, a small business
18 incubator. So it might be something like that that
19 you could get funding for.

20 You can also do planning grants for
21 comprehensive plans, feasibility studies, mapping,
22 codes and ordinances. And then there's other kinds
23 of CDBG grants that we're not eligible for here in
24 Bernalillo County.

25 For instance, there's emergency grants.

1 So like in Dona Ana County a couple years ago, in
2 Hatch they had these really bad floods, and so they
3 were eligible for emergency funding. Or the
4 colonias within 150 miles of the border. And that's
5 to install infrastructure in those colonia
6 settlements.

7 So things you can't do with CDBG: You
8 can't do city halls or courthouses. You can't use
9 it for operations and maintenance. You can't use
10 it -- if it's a housing program, you can't use it to
11 make housing payments. You can't use it for any
12 political purpose. You can't use it to put together
13 the grant application.

14 Then there's these national objectives,
15 and these are set by HUD. And HUD has been around
16 like 40 -- or the CDBG program has been around for
17 40 years. So these objectives have been pretty
18 consistent.

19 It has to benefit low and moderate income
20 persons. So more than half of the beneficiaries in
21 the area to be served by the project must earn
22 80 percent of the median household income for that
23 county or less.

24 So Albuquerque is part of the metropolitan
25 statistical area. And the median household income

1 is about \$62,000 here in the current year, 2012. So
2 there's a little chart that they provide, and it
3 shows you for 80 percent.

4 So like if you're a household with four
5 persons, then you can't earn -- that household or
6 that family can't earn more than about \$50,000 a
7 year. So this would be an aggregate for the whole
8 area that you serve, that the households have to
9 fall within those limits.

10 So another one of the national objectives
11 is to prevent slums and blight, and/or the project
12 meets an urgent or life-threatening community need.
13 So yeah, I don't know -- well, it's possible that
14 there are some areas where there is some kind of a
15 life-threatening need. I haven't done a project
16 like that before, but I guess that's a possibility.

17 So how much can we apply for? We can
18 apply for \$500,000. And if the project costs more
19 than that, then we can phase the project so that
20 we're funding just that one phase. If it's a
21 planning grant, you can go for up to \$50,000.

22 And then the County, we have to put in a
23 match. So the County, using our own funds, we have
24 to do a 10 percent match. If you can do more than
25 10 percent, they call it leveraging, and you get

1 more points for that. So that's better, if we put
2 in more than that.

3 And then here is the schedule, and it's a
4 real tight schedule. And that's kind of why we're
5 having this meeting, you know, two weeks before
6 Christmas, is because the workshop was maybe like at
7 the end of October or the first of November. And
8 the grants are due the first part of February, or
9 February 15th. So it's a really tight time frame to
10 do everything.

11 And like the meeting tonight was a
12 requirement. And we have to go to the governing
13 body, to the County Commissioners, who are scheduled
14 right now for January 22nd.

15 And the projects that are suggested
16 tonight, we will take -- we will look at those
17 projects and see, are they eligible or not? You
18 know, does it meet all the criteria? And then we
19 recommend a project that we take to the County
20 Commission on January 22nd and then submit the
21 application.

22 Then in May, there's a board at the State
23 level. They have a Community Development Council.
24 And they have hearings, and they call all the
25 applicants up to Santa Fe. And we make a

1 presentation, and then they select the projects.

2 And so hopefully by summer, we will know.

3 So I want to open it up now, and you tell
4 me what kinds of projects that you would be
5 interested in. And you know, does it meet the
6 requirements we've talked about? And you know, why
7 would it be a good project for the County to apply
8 for funds for? So if you want to go ahead.

9 THE REPORTER: Please state your name or
10 the record.

11 MR. PARKER: My name is Tyson Parker, or
12 James Tyson Parker.

13 There's a piece of property on North
14 Fourth Street, past Alameda. And it's historically
15 had four or five houses on it, small, little single
16 families, and then a duplex on it as well. And it's
17 pretty run down, but it's been there for quite some
18 time.

19 MR. MEADOWS: A duplex and how many
20 houses?

21 MR. PARKER: It's got three houses and a
22 duplex on it. And I want to say it's about a half
23 acre, so they're small.

24 And the idea, I guess, for the project
25 would be a way to go and acquire the property and

1 either raze the homes and build something new or
2 renovate those homes as possible. Because I mean
3 they're in pretty bad shape.

4 And this property has been on the County's
5 radar, the zoning radar anyway, as kind of a -- not
6 a nuisance, but it's had problems. And Zoning has
7 gone through it several times to try to get it fixed
8 up, but it's currently for sale right now.

9 I think the owner of the property is an
10 elderly woman. The houses got put into substandard
11 living. Like you couldn't live in the houses
12 anymore because they're that bad.

13 MR. MEADOWS: Okay. And then did you
14 have a suggestion for what could be built there?

15 MR. PARKER: I think what could be built
16 there is something similar to what's there now, but
17 do it in a way that provides affordable housing for
18 people.

19 And I think the ultimate objective would
20 be affordable housing for people that, you know, has
21 a thoughtful design to it. You know, so many
22 affordable housing projects don't have much interest
23 to them. And so I'm not sure if that falls into
24 what all this is.

25 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah, I know we can acquire

1 property. And we would probably want to explore
2 this with our Housing Authority, and Betty Valdez is
3 the director, and see if it's something that, you
4 know, she thinks is worthwhile pursuing.

5 MR. PARKER: Because it's a part of North
6 Fourth Street that's really kept somewhat of its
7 rural feel to it. But also, there's small
8 businesses that are going in there, and I think this
9 particular lot is the blight of the neighborhood.

10 MR. MEADOWS: Okay. And Angela, did you
11 have a project that you want to talk about?

12 MS. WEST: Yes. Angela West, president of
13 the Mountain View Neighborhood Association.

14 That neighborhood is bounded on the north
15 by Woodward, on the south by the freeway, on the
16 west by the Rio Grande, and on the east by I-25.

17 So we have done a number of things this
18 past year. We have worked with a place-based team
19 to look at accessibility and safety on Mountain
20 View, Second Street, and the data on that is pretty
21 conclusive.

22 There's the safety and health risks along
23 Second just for bicyclists and pedestrians. There's
24 no accommodation for that, no control of that, no
25 lights.

1 We have a community center and a small
2 elementary school that are sort of the heart of that
3 risk zone, if you will. We have a lot of parents
4 that the school itself and parent groups interacted
5 with this place-based team. And you have a copy of
6 this. If anyone needs another copy, I can provide
7 that. But it essentially points out two deaths this
8 past year of bicyclists alone.

9 We also host, if you will, Joy Junction.
10 The largest homeless shelter, right along Second
11 Street, is also in that corridor.

12 We also did an extensive study. With a
13 small grant, we did an extensive study of Mountain
14 View. It's called the Mountain View Second Street
15 Corridor Design Study. We did that with the
16 University of New Mexico School of Planning and
17 Architecture. The County has a copy. I can provide
18 another copy as is.

19 They did a full comprehensive study of the
20 entire Second Street region. It included baseline
21 data. It included problem statements, public
22 involvement and key areas of interest, very in
23 depth, very professional.

24 Again, one of the pieces that came to the
25 surface highlighting immediate needs is the stretch

1 between the elementary school and the community
2 center. There are no parks in Mountain View at this
3 juncture, no municipal parks or County parks of that
4 nature. There's a green patch in front of the
5 community center.

6 So we have students walking to school in
7 the dark in a high-traffic area. We have a very
8 high concentration of truck traffic that should not
9 be there, that should be on Broadway, which is
10 another something we're working on, but nonetheless,
11 high truck traffic. It's not just vehicles.

12 So along with that truck traffic comes
13 breathing what they leave. We have the highest
14 asthma rate in the County. We have one of the
15 lowest median incomes in the County, except for a
16 certain sector on the very, very south end.

17 I heard a very interesting statistic
18 today, that our little school, which has been on the
19 bottom of the list for facilities for years, is out
20 there. But as far as the student base, there are I
21 think it's over 52 or 53 student that are homeless,
22 statistically homeless. And 23 of those are
23 affiliated with Joy Junction.

24 The remainder are students from our
25 community that are homeless. And that's a category

1 recognized by APS and the school. They're living in
2 a car or they're living from neighbor to friend to
3 if they have a relative. They're classified as
4 homeless. So that is our populace.

5 MR. MEADOWS: How many students in the
6 school; do you know?

7 MS. WEST: I forget the number, but I
8 figured it out. It's 15 percent. 15 percent of the
9 elementary school base is homeless. So there's not
10 a lot of -- you know, these kids, their families are
11 doing their best to get them to school.

12 We have traditionally worked with Joy
13 Junction on that particular issue, trying to
14 accommodate and work with those needs. But we
15 have -- frankly, I did not realize it was quite that
16 high from our own population base. And it's gotten
17 worse, as many things have, over the past year.

18 The other appeal is the river and camping.
19 That's a continuing issue. But that tells you just
20 a little bit about the statistics in the area.

21 And the focus area, what we would like to
22 make a pitch for, is to take that piece right in the
23 middle of this plan that is identified in here, laid
24 out, and design elements have been provided.

25 We'd like to look at implementing this

1 piece in a priority fashion, the first piece being
2 the route on Second Street from Prosperity, where
3 the community center is, to the elementary school.

4 MR. MEADOWS: So some kind of a
5 pedestrian facility?

6 MS. WEST: Yeah, pedestrian, bike. You
7 know, walking is what people do. They have to.
8 There's a number of wheelchairs. If you go to a Web
9 site that's affiliated with this, you will see
10 parental testimony. You will also see a couple of
11 people that are wheelchair dependent. They go back
12 and forth.

13 The folks at Joy Junction, like all the
14 rest of this, come in all shapes and sizes. But
15 there are many with disabilities that have to
16 travel. And they travel south to the little store
17 which is in this corridor, or sometimes north.

18 So we have an immediate and distinct need
19 that's been neglected over a long period of time:
20 Lights; a safe place to walk; a safe place to ride
21 your bike, whether you're a child or an adult; a
22 safe place to use your wheelchair.

23 So that is our -- there's tons of data
24 here. And as I said, we can provide all of that.
25 The design solutions in here are indeed attractive,

1 if you will. They're very attractive, they're done
2 very nice, but their premise entirely was health and
3 safety. All of this is our problems solved related
4 to health and safety, so we're making a very strong
5 pitch for the whole enchilada.

6 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah. I mean, obviously,
7 it would have to be phased. You know, it's a big
8 project.

9 MS. WEST: The other element I didn't
10 mention is we do have the Valle de Oro National
11 Wildlife Refuge that was just purchased and
12 designated this fall. That is at the far southern
13 boundary.

14 We have always had a lot of bicyclists
15 from the surrounding community and others. That is
16 already on the increase. The other thing we have is
17 a lot of horse traffic and people. This is a very
18 rural area, to a large degree.

19 And as I said, we host -- that's my
20 euphemistic term -- the water treatment plant and
21 other civic benefits for the larger Albuquerque
22 area. And I think it's time that we started in this
23 direction.

24 MR. MEADOWS: On the property you're
25 looking at, do you know how much that's going for?

1 MR. PARKER: What the cost of the property
2 is?

3 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah.

4 MR. PARKER: I think they're asking close
5 to 400,000 for it. However, the value of that is
6 probably closer to 175.

7 The family that's selling it is very
8 aggressive in their asking price. And I've been
9 told that their asking price is much higher than the
10 appraised value of the property, and they're aware
11 of that.

12 MR. MEADOWS: Hi. Tell me your name, and
13 what part of the County do you live in?

14 MS. SADLER: My name is Cecilia Sadler,
15 and my interest is in the international district.
16 I'm here to listen, actually. I just got the
17 notice. Someone said I would be interested in this.

18 MR. MEADOWS: Okay. Well, I could kind
19 of just quickly summarize about the grant. So this
20 is a Community Development Block Grant. And it's
21 through the State, and it's due February 15th.

22 So we have to identify a project and put
23 together this application, and there's a number of
24 criteria that we have to meet.

25 And the main one is that the area that

1 we're looking at for a project, it has to be low
2 income, what they call low to moderate income. But
3 it's really 80 percent of the median household
4 income for the Albuquerque area, which is about --
5 what was it, 60,000 --

6 MR. PARKER: 62 I think you said.

7 MR. MEADOWS: 62,000, but it's 80. So
8 more than half of the residents who are being served
9 by the project, more than 51 percent, have to be
10 80 percent of that median income or below.

11 So we're looking at one example of a
12 family of four. So for example, a family of four
13 would have to make 50,000 or less to qualify. So we
14 actually will have to look at all the households
15 surrounding the project and make sure that they meet
16 these criteria.

17 And we can do it two ways. We can do it
18 through census data, if it's broken down to the
19 block group level. Or we actually have to do a
20 survey, like a door-to-door survey, which I don't
21 want to do, and ask the residents, you know, how
22 much do you make and all of that.

23 MS. PAINTER: What percentage --

24 THE REPORTER: State your name for the
25 record.

1 MS. PAINTER: I'm sorry. Marla,
2 M-A-R-L-A, Painter, P-A-I-N-T-E-R.

3 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah. So 51 percent have
4 to be below that 80 percent of median household
5 income. So that's the main criteria that we have to
6 meet.

7 But otherwise, the kinds of projects we
8 can do, I'll go back to that one. So we can do
9 infrastructure projects, like water and sewer lines;
10 roadway improvements. And the roadway, that
11 includes pedestrian facilities, sidewalks. And they
12 don't actually say "trails," but I think that's in
13 the definition of sidewalks.

14 And then it can be housing projects,
15 rehab; or like what you're suggesting, acquiring
16 property, rehabbing or repairing existing.

17 It sounds like maybe these homes aren't
18 worth renovating.

19 MR. PARKER: I would think an engineer has
20 to get in there.

21 MR. MEADOWS: So maybe there would need
22 to be a feasibility study to see what could be done.

23 We could go after public facilities,
24 community centers, senior centers, recreation
25 facilities, health centers, economic development

1 projects. You can do plans with this. And for
2 that, you're eligible for \$50,000 to do like a
3 comprehensive plan.

4 Otherwise, these other -- these
5 infrastructure, like housing projects, you can apply
6 for up to 500,000. And there's a -- you might pass
7 that list down to her. There's a list of all the
8 projects that were funded this last cycle, and you
9 can see the kinds of projects.

10 So was there a project you had in mind?

11 MS. SADLER: Some kind of like an economic
12 development project.

13 MR. MEADOWS: So some kind of like an
14 economic development project?

15 MS. SADLER: Yeah, in the international
16 district.

17 MR. MEADOWS: Okay. That one we'd have
18 to explore some more, because I'm not real clear on
19 what they mean by, "an economic development
20 project."

21 But what I think they mean is in the South
22 Valley, we built this facility. It's called a small
23 business incubator. And so it has a commercial
24 kitchen, and it has office spaces, and it has like
25 shared clerical staff and meeting rooms and things

1 like that.

2 And so small businesses can go there and
3 use those facilities to start up. And then, after a
4 period of time, they have to move out and find their
5 own space. So that might be the kind of thing.

6 MS. SADLER: Well, it's around an
7 international film festival, actually, within that
8 neighborhood. This would be an opportunity to
9 create and learn about an exchange, an international
10 film exchange, and be part of it as it coordinates
11 to the Hiland Theater. So it's kind of in the
12 development phases of it.

13 And we have some pretty good names right
14 now who have put their name in the hat, as far as
15 recognized famous folks who are supporting it, which
16 is helpful. But it's for everybody. It's not just
17 for, you know, a Hollywood blitz kind of thing.

18 And Albuquerque would be known for that,
19 that they would have an international film festival
20 that anybody could participate in. We could put a
21 huge screen on Central, close off sections of the
22 road, and promote businesses people. Have a vendor,
23 you know, local neighborhood.

24 Folks in this neighborhood would show
25 them. We have a kitchen as part of this, a

1 commercial kitchen that's state and federally
2 approved that would show them how to participate in
3 being a vendor or any kind of different sales
4 opportunities for around the film festival.

5 MR. MEADOWS: So would it involve the
6 facility itself, like making additions or
7 renovations?

8 MS. SADLER: Not really, no.

9 MR. MEADOWS: Because I don't think this
10 can be used for like running programs or anything
11 like that, but it has to be some kind of like a
12 bricks-and-mortar kind of thing.

13 MR. PARKER: Does it have to be permanent?

14 MR. MEADOWS: I believe so, but I don't
15 know for sure. But maybe a planning grant. You can
16 do like a feasibility study, you know, to figure out
17 what you want to do or what's needed. So maybe
18 that's more -- and maybe on your property, too, some
19 kind of a study.

20 But generally, these are, you know, hard
21 cost infrastructure and buildings, you know.

22 MS. SADLER: We have a building. I wasn't
23 thinking of putting it into the restructuring like
24 that, but maybe.

25 MR. MEADOWS: So we're going to post all

1 of this on our Web site, the County Web site. It
2 will probably be under Public Works. And so like
3 all the information I presented tonight, you can
4 look at that to get ideas.

5 And you can, you know, maybe think about
6 your project a little bit more. And you can feel
7 free -- my card is there. Feel free call me and
8 e-mail me, and we can talk more about it.

9 MS. WEST: I've looked at my notes here.
10 And the homeless number is, I think, is about 74, of
11 which --

12 MR. MEADOWS: Seventy-four homeless
13 students?

14 MS. WEST: Yeah, and 23 of those are
15 affiliated with Joy Junction. The rest are within
16 our immediate neighborhood. Our vice president
17 figured out that it was 15 percent of the school's
18 student base.

19 MR. MEADOWS: And you're here also from
20 Mountain View?

21 MS. SADLER: Yes.

22 MR. MEADOWS: Okay. So basically, you
23 have three projects that you know we'll be thinking
24 about and seeing which one is, you know, the most
25 likely to fund. And then we'll define them some

1 more and then go to the Commission on the 22nd.

2 And they'll pass a resolution, and we'll
3 put that application together. We'll have two weeks
4 to put the application together.

5 MS. SADLER: You guys do the application?

6 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah. You know, I'll do
7 it. And you know, I'm trying to get the outline of
8 it ready, you know.

9 MS. SADLER: What was the schedule again?
10 You said it was due the 15th, but it was
11 January 22nd that you're taking it somewhere?

12 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah, January. So on
13 January 11th, we have to show the State -- this is a
14 local government division of the Department of
15 Finance. We have to show the State that, you know,
16 we have an adopted budget, and we have an approved
17 audit, and we don't have any open projects, CDBG
18 projects, or anything.

19 So they have to sort of tell us, "Okay,
20 you can go ahead and apply for the grant." There
21 aren't any obstacles.

22 And then January 22nd is when I would go
23 to the Commission and ask them to approve a project.
24 And 10 percent of County funds would go towards a
25 match.

1 And then in May, there's a committee up in
2 Santa Fe, and they'll actually have hearings. And
3 all the applicants from all over New Mexico will go,
4 and they'll present their projects. And then
5 they'll decide. They'll select which ones they're
6 going to fund.

7 So this past year, they had about
8 \$10 million. I didn't count how many they funded,
9 but there were several that they funded. But in the
10 past, they've had as much as \$15 million. So I'm
11 not sure if they're going to have more this coming
12 year or not.

13 It's possible, because of, you know, the
14 oil and gas and stuff, that they're going to have a
15 little bit more this year to work with.

16 MS. SADLER: Do you have time to -- I mean
17 I see some of the criteria that I know you guys
18 talked about that are not on the list. Like, for
19 instance, an emergency. Do you call people at some
20 point to get more input?

21 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah. I'll be in touch
22 with all three of you to talk about your projects
23 more and get more information. But yeah.

24 I don't know if this -- you know, I don't
25 think any of yours would qualify as an emergency.

1 That's like if there was a hurricane or a flood or a
2 tornado or something that --

3 MS. SADLER: What about the metal
4 recycling plant fire?

5 MR. MEADOWS: Did that actually damage
6 homes around it or anything?

7 MS. SADLER: Yeah, with soot and smoke and
8 lungs. And you know, they were out of code. So I
9 just saw that connection between the code violations
10 and the emergency, but I don't know if that would
11 qualify technically.

12 MR. MEADOWS: It would be likely we could
13 after a planning grant that we'd use for
14 strengthening County codes and ordinances and stuff,
15 things like that.

16 MS. SADLER: So the emergency part talks
17 about responding to people who have lost their homes
18 or things?

19 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah, it's very specific.
20 I don't think we could do that.

21 MS. SADLER: I wasn't sure what that
22 meant.

23 MR. MEADOWS: And then the colonias,
24 those are only those communities that are near the
25 border. We're too far north.

1 And then yeah, community centers, housing
2 projects and infrastructure. So those are basically
3 the big categories.

4 MS. SADLER: Would any of this speak to
5 the problem like instead of getting fewer trucks on
6 Second Street after the sign went on Rio Bravo, you
7 know, asking -- begging the trucks to go elsewhere,
8 the trucks have increased. And they are like -- you
9 know, like what do they call it -- double trailers
10 of chlorine. I see a lot of chlorine going down to
11 the chlorine place.

12 And it's so weird, because they seem to
13 get off the freeway down further south, like at
14 Broadway, and then cut over and come down Second
15 Street to go to the chlorine plant, instead of going
16 all the way down Broadway to Rio Bravo. It's the
17 weirdest thing. Maybe it's because they can't make
18 that turn on Rio Bravo and Second Street.

19 MR. MEADOWS: I don't know that that's
20 anything we can address with one of these grants,
21 but that's more of an operations thing. So we'd
22 have to get Dave Mitchell. And I think the
23 Commission would actually have to pass an ordinance
24 saying, "No trucks on Second Street," and he would
25 have to sign it.

1 MS. WEST: And I will note that that is a
2 recommendation in this plan from UNM for health and
3 safety. It's that very thing.

4 MR. MEADOWS: Yeah. But that kind of
5 thing, I think, would have to be handled another
6 way.

7 MS. SADLER: Okay. You know, one way I
8 think -- and I'm sorry, but I'll shut up after this.

9 One way to think creatively about this, in
10 fact, is for instance, if there were a better way to
11 turn right off of Rio Bravo onto Second Street north
12 to get to the chlorine plant, a safer way, and there
13 were more obstacles on the southern part of Second
14 Street for the trucks, so maybe it couldn't be a
15 direct hit.

16 But if we were planning for a safer Second
17 Street, that would be one way to also deal with the
18 trucks. I oftentimes think if Second Street weren't
19 so easy for them, if it were more pedestrian and
20 residentially oriented, rather than commercially and
21 industrially oriented, that the trucks wouldn't be
22 using it.

23 MR. MEADOWS: Well, maybe things like
24 traffic calming devices, maybe that would discourage
25 them from using Second Street. We couldn't do

1 anything that would block them or anything.

2 MS. SADLER: No, no. I'm just talking
3 about discouraging them.

4 MR. MEADOWS: But to slow traffic down,
5 we could do that.

6 MS. SADLER: That's good to know.

7 MR. MEADOWS: Okay. Did you have
8 anything else about your project?

9 MR. PARKER: No. The address, I think,
10 is -- about two blocks north is 10143. So I'm going
11 to say 10100, maybe. It's north of Alameda.

12 MR. MEADOWS: Okay. And I would suggest
13 maybe calling Betty Valdez at the Housing Authority
14 and asking her about that, because she would know
15 what the needs are and that for affordable housing
16 in that part of the County. I'm sure there are
17 needs.

18 MR. PARKER: That area is typically -- to
19 the west, between that area and the river, is nicer
20 acre-lot homes. However, there's a lot of mobile
21 home parks in that area and other -- I don't want to
22 say subpar, but lower end apartments that people
23 live in.

24 MR. MEADOWS: And then we'll talk more
25 about the international district and see.

1 And also, at the beginning, I don't want
2 to rehash all this, but we talked about there's
3 other kinds of funding sources that the County goes
4 after, too.

5 So we do our GO bonds every two years. We
6 go to the legislature and ask for capital outlays.
7 Transportation funds, there's federal funds that we
8 go after. So this is just one of several different
9 kinds of funding sources.

10 And probably the Housing Authority has
11 other -- there's housing grants that we can't apply
12 for, but Betty can apply for as the Housing
13 Authority. So we might want to explore other
14 sources, too, if this is not the right fit for what
15 you're doing.

16 MS. SADLER: TIP is Transportation --

17 MR. MEADOWS: Improvement Program.

18 Well, if there aren't any other --

19 MR. PARKER: Can we get a copy of this?

20 MR. MEADOWS: Sure. We're going to put
21 it on our Web site tomorrow. And if you don't find
22 it or something, feel free to call me, and I can
23 even e-mail it to you.

24 THE REPORTER: I'm going to attach it to
25 the minutes, so it will also be attached to the

1 minutes. And that will go on the Web site, too.

2 MR. MEADOWS: Okay, good.

3 Well, thank you for coming.

4 (Time noted, 6:21 p.m.)

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